

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the for treatment of water related disorders of outer an external ear canal disorders comprising consisting of the steps of applying a water resistant repellant agent and antimicrobial agent in-a-to constitute a film forming liquid to form a composition capable of being applied topically to the external ear canal,

the antimicrobial agent consisting of an essential oil selected from a group consisting of the essential oils of *Melaleuca alternifolia*, *Melaleuca dissitiflora*, and *Melaleuca linariiflora*,

wherein the composition film forming liquid consists of no more than the water repellent agent and the antimicrobial agent.

2. (Currently Amended) A composition for the for treatment of water related disorders of an outer ear canal disorders comprising consisting of a water repellent agent and an antimicrobial agent in-a-to constitute a film forming liquid capable of being instilled in the outer ear canal in droplet form,

the antimicrobial agent consisting of an essential oil selected from a group consisting of the essential oils of *Melaleuca alternifolia*, *Melaleuca dissitiflora*, and *Melaleuca linariiflora*,

wherein the composition film forming liquid consists of no more than the water repellent agent and the antimicrobial agent.

3. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2 in which the water repellent agent is constituted by a water repellent silicone polymer adapted, in combination with the antimicrobial agent or on its own, to constitute the film forming liquid.

4. (Original) A composition according to claim 3 in which the silicone polymer is constituted by a polysiloxane.

5. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 2 in which the antimicrobial agent is capable of acting against ~~a broad range of~~ bacterial and fungal infections.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A composition for the treatment of water related disorders of outer an external ear canal disorders, consisting of no more than a water repellent agent in the form of a polysiloxane and an antimicrobial agent consisting of the essential oil selected from ~~a group of essential oils of Melaleuca alternifolia, Melaleuca dissitiflora, and Melaleuca linariiflora~~ in which polysiloxane and the antimicrobial agent are combined to produce a film forming liquid that is capable of being applied topically to the external ear canal by instillation in droplet form.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the film forming liquid includes 75 to 98% by volume of polysiloxane as the water repellent agent, and 2 to 25% by volume of *Melaleuca alternifolia*.

11 (New) A composition according to claim 2, wherein the film forming liquid includes 75 to 98% by volume of polysiloxane as the water repellent agent, and 2 to 25% by volume of *Melaleuca alternifolia*.

12. (New) A composition according to claim 7, wherein the film forming liquid includes 75 to 98% by volume of polysiloxane as the water repellent agent, and 2 to 25% by volume of *Melaleuca alternifolia*.